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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FAHMY'S RENEWED REQUEST FOR LOAN OF 10 C-130'S

1. IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY, FAHMY AGAIN RAISED WITH ME THE LOAN OF TEN C-130'S. GOE NEEDS THESE AIRCRAFT, HE CONTENDED, TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SUDAN AND TO MEET THE LIBYAN THREAT.

2. I AGAIN TOLD FAHMY , AS I HAVE DONE TWICE BEFORE, THAT C-130'S ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. USAF HAS AN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL SUCH AIRCRAFT IN ITS INVENTORY. I HAD RECEIVED NO COMMENT ON HIS EARLIER REQUEST FOR A LOAN OF TEN SUCH AIRCRAFT,BUT I THOUGHT HE SHOULD INTERPRET THIS AS ENDORSEMENT OF WHAT I HAD EARLIER TOLD HIM. I ALSO REMINDED HIM AGAIN THAT GOE HAD CHOSEN THE OPTION UNDER WHICH THE FIRST C-130'S WILL ARRIVE IN DECEMBER. I COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT THIS MEANT GAMASY BELIEVES A DECEMBER DELIVERY DATE FOR THE FIRST TWO AIRCRAFT IS EARLY ENOUGH. FAMY INSISTED THAT GAMASY COULD USE THE AIRCRAFT NOW.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER TO FAHMY ABOUT THIS MATTER. I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO RAISE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU MEET. FAHMY REALLY KNOWS BETTER THAN TO BELIEVE TEN C-130'S CAN

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SIMPLY BE LOANED OUT TO GOE, BUT THAT IN NO WAY DETERS

OUR FRIEND FROM MAKING UNREASONABLE REQUESTS AND THEN
PROFESSING GREAT INDIGNATION WHEN REFUSED.
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